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1. U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION REPORTS FOLLOWING FROM ANNUAL
MEETING ACTIONS THIS WEEKEND FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND TO BE
PASSED TO NEWS ROOM.

"WASHINGTON--ENDING ITS THREE DAY ANNUAL MEETING ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL COMMISSION
FOR UNESCO URGED THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS TO REIN-
STITUTE 'SUFFICIENT' PAYMENTS ON THE UNITED STATES CONTRI-
BUTION OWED TO UNESCO 'SO THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
CAN CONSTITUTIONALLY PURSUE ACTIVE POLICIES TOWARD THE GOAL
OF FURTHER REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF DISRUPTIVE POLITICS ON
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND INCREASING ITS
OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS.'

"THE COMMISSION ADOPTED THIS RESOLUTION BY CONSENSUS IN
MEETINGS HELD AT AIRLIE HOUSE, IN WARRENTON, VIRGINIA.

"THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO,
CREATED BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS IN 1946, IS A 100 MEMBER BODY
COMPOSED OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, STATE AND LOCAL
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GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE COMMISSION WORKS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO INTERPRET AND FURTHER THE WORK OF UNESCO IN THE UNITED STATES.

"AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING THE COMMISSION ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT UNITED STATES POLICIES TOWARD UNESCO CAN ONLY BE EFFECTIVE IF INSTRUMENTS OF MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY ARE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY IN UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY AND IF UNITED STATES REPRESENTATION IN UNESCO IS STRENGTHENED.

"THE COMMISSION ALSO ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS URGING CO-OPERATION WITH UNESCO IN STUDYING THE STATUS OF WORLDWIDE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND MEDIA SYSTEMS; FAVORING CREATION OF A PANEL OF EXPERTS TO ADVISE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON THE PROPOSED UNESCO DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION; AND SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF THE MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE PROGRAM, AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL, INTERDISCIPLINARY EFFORT IN WHICH COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD COOPERATE IN DEVELOPING A SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR SOLVING COMMON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

"THE COMMISSION ALSO CALLED UPON MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN UNESCO PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS ARE APPLIED TO THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION.

"THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, SARAH GODDARD POWER, IN HER SPEECH IN PLENARY SAID: 'BROADLY, UNESCO IS THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL AGENCY WHICH IS CONCERNED WITH THOSE IMMENSELY PRECIOUS ASPECTS OF THE HUMAN CONDITION-- EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE--WHICH MAKE MAN WHAT HE IS. THE SPECIFIC CUTTING EDGE OF UNESCO'S ACTIVITIES, HOWEVER, IS TO ACT AS A DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, ASSISTING THE ECONOMICALLY, LESS ADVANTAGED COUNTRIES WHICH CONSTITUTE TWO-THIRDS OR MORE OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION. WHAT IS IMPORTANT ABOUT UNESCO IS THAT IT PROVIDES MECHANISMS FOR ACCELERATING THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS OF CHANGE THROUGH COOPERATIVE SYSTEMS OF WORLDWIDE PARTICIPATION.'

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"THE ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE CONCLUSION OF THE 19TH GENERAL- CONFERENCE OF UNESCO WHICH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN OCTOBER 26 AND NOVEMBER 30 IN NAIROBI. SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THAT MEETING WERE INCLUSION OF ISRAEL AS A MEMBER OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP AND POSTPONEMENT OF THE GRAVE THREAT TO FREEDOM OF THE PRESS CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED 'DRAFT DECLARATION ON

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE USE OF MEDIA IN
STRENGTHENING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND
COMBATting WAR PROPAGANDA, RACISM AND APARTHEID.' THE
DRAFT DECLARATION WAS PUT ASIDE FOR MORE EXTENDED STUDY
PRIOR TO THE 20TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WHICH
WILL TAKE PLACE IN 1978." KISSINGER

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